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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT FOR MISS LILLIAN'S REMARKS AT LUNCH
IN MOPTI TO BE GIVEN BY GOVERNOR AMARA DANFAGA ON AUGUST 1:

2. GOVERNOR DANFAGA, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

I AM SO PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY IN MOPTI, AND I
WANT TO THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO VISIT THIS LOVELY REGION. I
AM SORRY THAT I WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE SPEC-
TACULAR DOGON CLIFFS ON THIS TRIP, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO TOURING
THE CITY AND OBSERVING SOME OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BEING
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CARRIED OUT IN THIS AREA.

I HAVE JUST COME FROM THE CITY OF TIMBUKTU, A FASCINATING
PLACE WHICH IS WELL-KNOWN TO MANY AMERICANS AS AN ACIENT SEAT OF
POWER, WEALTH, AND KNOWLEDGE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU
THAT AMERICANS ARE INTERESTED NOT ONLY IN MALI'S GLORIOUS PAST,
BUT IN THE FUTURE OF THIS AND OTHER SAHELIAN NATIONS. AS WE

FACE THE PROBLEM OF THE ENERGY SHORTAGE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY, WE HAVE BECOME MORE AND MORE AWARE OF THE LIMITS OF THE WORLD'S NATURAL RESOURCES. AND WE ARE STUDYING THE QUESTIONS OF FOOD AND ENERGY PRODUCTION AND POPULATION IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THE RESOURCES WE DO HAVE.

I KNOW THAT YOU IN MALI HAVE BEEN FACING A SPECIAL CHALLENGE IN OVERCOMING THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THE RECENT DROUGHTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN A NUMBER OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN STATES. THAT IS WHY I WAS EAGER TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF THE CILSS MEMBER NATIONS TO VISIT SOME OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SAHEL. I AM HERE AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOUR PEOPLE ARE FACING THESE CHALLENGES AND WHAT SOLUTIONS YOU HAVE FOUND.

THIS AFTERNOON I WILL BE VISITING SOME OF THE USAID AND PEACE CORPS PROJECTS IN THE MOPTI AREA. AS A FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER IN A RURAL AREA OF INDIA, I CAN ATTEST TO THE VOLUNTEERS' SENSE OF DEDICATION TOWARD HELPING THE PEOPLE OF DEVELOPING NATIONS TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE. I BELIEVE THAT THESE VOLUNTEERS AND THE EXPERIENCED DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS OF USAID ARE TRANSFORMING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR COOPERATION WITH THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA INTO A TANGIBLE REALITY.

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO MEET AND TALK WITH MALIANS DURING MY VISIT. I HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOUR FRIENDLINESS AND HOSPITALITY, BY YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, AND BY THE ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION WITH WHICH YOU ARE FACING THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPMENT. WHEN I RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES, I WILL CONVEY TO PRESIDENT CARTER THE RESULTS OF THIS TRIP, AND I KNOW THAT HE WILL BY MOST FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY WHAT I HAVE TO TELL HIM. I HAVE THE HIGHEST HOPES THAT THIS VISIT WILL INCREASE THE FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AS WE STRIVE TO MEET THE SAME CHALLENGES. END DRAFT TEXT.

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